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Title: SELF-SYNCHRONIZATION OF AN
OPTICAL PACKET NETWORK
USING SEED PULSES
EXTRACTED FROM WITHIN THE
PACKETS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the proposed Preliminary Amendment for consideration and entry into the above-referenced application.

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ON PAGE 1, AFTER LINE 7 AND BEFORE THE PARAGRAPH ENTITLED "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", INSERT A NEW PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS:

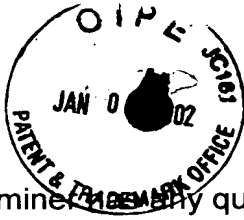
On page 1, after line 7 and before the paragraph entitled "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", insert a new paragraph as follows:

This invention was made with government support under DARPA contract number F-30602-97-1-2020.

REMARKS

The above-listed amendment to the specification is submitted to correction the deletion of DARPA involvement and no new matter is added to the application by entry of this amendment.

Applicants respectfully request the consideration and entry of this amendment.



If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, he is hereby earnestly solicited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number or address listed below.

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